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APPLICATION

Group Art Unit 1641
 Examiner: Portner, V.
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 M# Client Ref

Appl. Title: TEST KITS AND DEVICES

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Inventor(s): CATT et al.

Appin. No.: 08

935,717

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Serial No. ↑

Filed: September 23, 1997

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: July 20, 2000

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. "Small Entity" statement(s) filed <input type="checkbox"/>		Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Large/Small Entity		Additional Fee		Fee Code	
<input type="checkbox"/> previously <input type="checkbox"/> herewith (No.)												Lg/Sm	
2. Total Effective Claims		7		**minus 20		0		x \$18/\$9 =		+ \$0		103/203	
3. Independent Claims		1		***minus 3		0		x \$78/\$39 =		+ \$0		102/202	
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add								+ \$260/\$130 =		+ \$0		104/204	
5. Original due Date: April 20, 2000				<input type="checkbox"/> NONE									
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached				(1 mo)		\$110/\$55 =		+ \$870				115/215	
				(2 mos)		\$380/\$190 =						116/216	
				(3 mos)		\$870/\$435 =						117/217	
				(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)		\$1360/\$680 =						118/218	
				(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)		\$1850/\$925 =						128/228	
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract								- \$0					
8. Extension Fee Attached								+ \$870					
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee								+ \$110/\$55 =		+ \$0		148/248	
10. If ISS attached requires Official Fee, add								+ \$240 =		+ \$240		126	
or if Rule 97(d) Petition add								+ \$130 =				122	
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)								+ \$690/345 =		+ \$0		146/246	
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)								x \$690/345 ea =		+ \$0		149/249	
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)								+ \$690/345 =		+ \$0		179/279	
14. Petition fee for										+ \$0			
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =										+ \$1110			

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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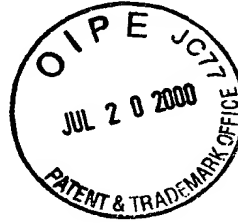
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2000, please enter the following amendment in the application:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A test kit for determining qualitatively or quantitatively the presence of one or more analytes in a fluid sample, comprising an assay device for sampling and assaying said fluid together with a reading device which includes reading initiation means and which engages with said assay device and wherein precisely located engagement of said assay device with said reading device is essential for accurate reading of the assay result, the precisely located engagement of said assay device with said reading device causing a lock-and-key interaction between said assay device and reading initiation means of said reading device, said lock and key interaction occurring only when said assay device is properly

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